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**Subject:** End of Day -- April 9, 2018

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**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 4/6] – OPEN – Reporter has questions about Bayview Hunters Point site and recent results regarding buildings on Parcel A. Working with program on written response. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**NBC Bay Area** (Liz Wagner) [Received 4/9] – CLOSED – Producer had questions regarding press release that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) issued about EPA's review of soil samples at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Worked with program to develop written response, including a copy of the report in question. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**San Francisco Business Times** (Monica Torres) [Received 4/9] – CLOSED -- Reporter had questions regarding press release that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) issued about EPA's review of soil samples at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Worked with program to develop written response, including a copy of the report in question. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**San Francisco Examiner** (Laura Waxmann) [Received 4/9] – CLOSED -- Reporter had questions regarding press release that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) issued about EPA's review of soil samples at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Worked with program to develop written response, including a copy of the report in question. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**Law 360** - (Michael Phillis) [Received 4/9] – CLOSED – Reporter seeking comment on letter from California state senators regarding Administrator Pruitt's proposed changes to clean car standards. Forwarded query to HQ. HQ told reporter the letter would be responded to via appropriate channels. CA (State wide) AIR/HQ, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Bloomberg Environment** (Adam Allington) [Received 4/6] – CLOSED – Reporter is interested in interviewing EPA scientist regarding impacts of changing climate on baseball. He reached out again on 4/9. Referred to HQ. HQ/AIR. Contact: Kelly Zito

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**STEM** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages about educational materials that teachers can use to take their students outdoors to do STEM activities and linked to the [EnviroAtlas Educational Materials](#) page.

### Web Updates:

**Hawaii State Implementation Plans** – Published our [Approved Air Quality Implementation Plans in Hawaii](#) and related content.

**California State Implementation Plans** – Updated the [“EPA Approved Santa Barbara Air District Regulations in the California SIP”](#) web page.

**NPDES Permitting** – Published a [“General Permit for Low Threat Discharge on Navajo Nation”](#) and related documents in our NPDES Permits web area.

**2018 Bioresources Symposium** – Added a “Call for Presenters” link on our [California Bioresources Alliance Symposia](#) website.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI)** – Staffer Alan Yamamoto emailed a question in regard to information he was provided in regards to the workers being treated for pesticide exposure in the Syngenta case. Checked with Amy Miller, and let Alan know that what they were hearing was incorrect and the workers were indeed treated for pesticide exposures, as opposed to general health issues. CLOSED, Dean Higuchi

**Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13):** Brent Maier was contacted by June Williams in the Senator’s San Francisco Office and Xavier Johnson in the Congresswoman’s Oakland District Office who are both interested in a briefing on EPA’s upcoming lead cleanup and study activities in West Oakland. Following outreach to our Superfund Division regarding the scheduling of a follow up call, Brent has offered up a conference call for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:30pm to both June Williams and Xavier Johnson and is awaiting confirmation back as to their availability for this call.

**EPA HQ Meeting with Agoura Hills, CA Local Officials:** Mayor William Koehler and other local officials met today with Office of Water, Region 9, and Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) staff to discuss funding opportunities to address stormwater run-off, and for projects under the National Estuary Program. The city is a regional leader in promoting preservation of open space, preventing urban runoff into ecologically sensitive waters flowing into the Malibu Creek Watershed, and the Santa Monica Bay Estuary, and advancing alternative transportation and congestion mitigation projects. Region 9 participants for this meeting included Water Division’s Roger Gorke, Erica Yelensky and Brent Maier. Follow up information and contacts for Region 9 were provided to OCIR’s Arnita Hannon to share with local officials.

**Tomorrow - Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - EPA HQ to Meet with California Water Districts:** On Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, a delegation representing the Boards of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the Triunfo Sanitation District, in Calabasas and Ventura, California, respectively, will meet with Office of Water, Region IX, and OIR staff to discuss water recycling projects the districts are working on. The group is also interested in the WIFIA program, and looking forward to dialogue and updates. Glen Peterson, President, Board of Directors, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and Michael Paule, Chairman, Board of Directors, Triunfo Sanitation District, will lead the delegation. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

**Tomorrow - Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee:** The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works’ Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety will hold a subcommittee hearing entitled, “Cooperative Federalism Under the Clean Air Act: State Perspectives.” 10:00am ET. 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Witnesses: Sean Alteri, director, Division of Air Quality, Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection; Toby Baker, commissioner, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Shawn Garvin, secretary, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control; **Matthew Rodriguez, secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency**; and Nancy Vehr, administrator, Division of Air Quality, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=94D3696B-6633-4CBC-86AD-FD18A131611E>

**Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting with Jacqueline Howells, Representative of Valley Center Municipal Water District in Southern California:** The purpose of the meeting is to discuss SRF loan for title 16 water reclamation project. Region 9 will be participating via teleconference.

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee:** The Environment and Public Works Committee is holding a hearing Wednesday to discuss a bipartisan bill, S. 2602, the "Utilizing Significant Emissions With Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act." EPW Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) introduced the bill last month to make several changes to federal law, including amending the Clean Air Act to direct U.S. EPA in supporting carbon utilization and air capture research. Under the bill, the Council on Environmental Quality would be called upon to establish guidance on CO2 pipelines and carbon capture facilities, and clarify that projects qualify under the permitting review process established by the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The bill would also establish task forces in consultation with federal agencies to advance carbon-capture technologies and identify permitting challenges, and set up a federal Direct Air Capture Technology Advisory Board. 10:15 a.m. ET in 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Witnesses: Mark Northam, director of the School of Energy Resources at the University of Wyoming; Julio Friedmann, former Department of Energy official and CEO of Carbon Wrangler LLC; Noah Deich, executive director for the Center for Carbon Removal; and Feng Jiao, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering and associate director for the Center for Catalytic Science & Technology at the University of Delaware. <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=55DD866C-BEE0-49C7-8491-E042F051C947>

**Thursday, April 12, 2018 – House Natural Resources Committee - House Natural Resources' Energy Subcommittee** holds hearing on Navajo Generating Station's benefits to local economies.

**Thursday, April 12, 2018 - Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA):** Brent Maier has confirmed a follow up call for Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm with Kristina Solberg in the Senator's Fresno Office to discuss the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) with our Superfund staff/managers. Brent previously shared information we had shared with Sen. Kamala Harris and Rep. Jimmy Panetta's office on CCMA. Superfund's Lynn Keller, Kelly Manheimer, Caleb Shaffer, Dan Stralka, Dana Barton and Rusty Harris-Bishop and Land Division's Jeanne Geselbracht and ORC's Sara Goldsmith are included in the calendar invite.

**Friday, April 13, 2018 – House Energy & Commerce Committee:** The House Energy and Commerce Committee's environment panel will hold an April 13 hearing on "challenges and opportunities" related to high-octane fuels and fuel-efficient vehicles. The hearing comes as EPA is preparing to roll back Obama-era standards for vehicles' greenhouse gas emissions, and is also weighing the future of the renewable fuel system (RFS). <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/high-octane-fuels-high-efficiency-vehicles-challenges-opportunities/>

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Special Election in Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:** The Special Election takes place to fill the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat vacated by former Rep. Trent Franks. Republican candidate Debbie Lesko will face-off against Democratic candidate Hiral Tipirneni.

**Week of April 23, 2018 (Day/Time TBD) – House Appropriations Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

**Thursday, April 26, 2018 – House Energy and Commerce Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

**Tuesday – Wednesday, May 1 – 2, 2018: Mayors Water Council Convenes May 1 – 2, 2018:** EPA's Office of Water has been invited to participate in USCM's Mayors Water Council's Washington, DC meeting as member mayors convene to

discuss a number of priorities. OIR is working with USCM and OW staff on the request. Broad discussion topics include: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Policies of Inclusion and Innovation; Water and Sewer Infrastructure Financing; Public Water Affordability and Integrated Planning; and, Regulatory Review. Assistant Administrator for Water Dave Ross has been invited to engage in dialogue with the mayors as they take the opportunity to familiarize him with their perspectives on such matters of interest as: WOTUS; Regions and Consent Decrees (stormwater); Water Reuse Guidance; Guidance on Financial Capability; Integrated Planning; and, the Lead and Copper Rule. AA Ross is unavailable, and Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, will appear in his stead. The Council has also invited OW leads for the MS4 Pilot Projects, and the WIFIA Program to appear with overviews, and engage in discussions. **Mayor Jill Techel (Napa, CA)**, is Chair of the Council. Over thirty mayors from a cross-section of the country serve on the Council. AA Ross last addressed the Council on January 24, 2018 during USCM's Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. He discussed EPA's priority programs WIFIA, SRFs, and those involving Integrated Stormwater Management Planning and he listened to member mayors about their concerns. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon